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Dear Matt and everyone,

The lingering, permanent effects of a heavy phlebitis that was ignored (not by me, by doctors) and continuing effort in an effort to do as much work as possible have delayed this letter.

Right now I'm using a few minutes before the coming of the mail, less time than I'd like, but I have to leave as soon as the mail comes. I'd been wanting to phone you but still can't afford to.

Beginning a year ago, when it was apparent to me that the under-informed, over-opinionated, the self-seekrs and the plain nuts, would destroy the then excellent Congressional possibilities of doing something about the JFK assassination I shifted my focus back to King, with considerable success. I have the DJ and the FBI in court on this now and have obtained a fair amount if a small percentage of "new evidence." In fact, I have most of a new book drafted.

It was possible to see thorugh what others apparently missed, an FBI con job on the Congress. One of several, in fact. As a result of the line of reasoning I then took, having these disinformation clues, I have been able to establish much. It began with proof of FBI responsibility for the violence without which King would not have returned to Memphis. With this and knowing my own financial and travel limitations, I started looking for new aliances. This has worked. I have a wonderful person and a superb investigative reporter friend, Les Payne. He is black, brave, of high intelligence, and his paper has and uses a syndicate. I don't know if his stories have appeared there. They were suppressed in Washington, but they were on the Newsday wire.

His blackness, meaning much more than the color of his skin, is a distinct asset. It not only outcicies people who will not talk to me to trust him, it gives him understandings where they are important, understandings I am coming to realize few if any white can have. My own intolvemment in black activities goes back to the late 30s and early 40s.

We have been able to carry the information in your notes far forward. We have obtained explanations for some of the acts they report, accuratley, friend. There is quite a confirmed story in the removal of one of the black members of the red squad, not at all a reflection on him. And the fireman, if you remember that. So, I'm writing again in the hope that you still have the rest of those notes. They can be very valuable now in the use Les can make of them and perhaps to me in court. One thing on the latter is the FBI's denial of every having any other suspects. You reported several.

As you realize, I imposed self-restraints on your notes and tapes tha you did not ask. Those people have to be protected. Les is the same way. He can be trusted. So, unless you are certain you destroyed them when you left New Orleans, which would be a tragedy, I hope you can find them and will make the effort. There is another official whitewash afoot and we want to do what we can to abort it. It is a DJ self-investigation.

If you find these notes, please either sent them registered or xerox them before you send them, just to take no chances with the mail. Most of it gets through but infrequently some does not. They can be very imprtant today.

This can still go out today if I don't try to correct my still terrible typing. I have to wash and pack for a short trip. Best to you all. I do hope things are going well for all of you.

Sincerely,

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